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Subject: the tribal leaders meeting

So, how's it going?

First, let's talk money. The coffee cost a whopping \$71.43. We're in the wrong business. Thank God they didn't make us by cookies from them, or the bill would've been in 6 figures. Chuck Findley slipped me \$20, a kind act which I attribute to you saying something. That was a nice thing to do, but unnecessary. Speaking of unnecessary, I don't expect you spend your hard earned cash to help cover the coffee cost. It wasn't your idea, and not your responsibility.

So, that's out of the way.

Second, can you send me the sign in sheet? Or, at least a copy..... I'd like it for the files.

Third, so what's next boss? I didn't hear a lot from tribes on how they'd like to play in this, and have a hunch we won't hear much. So, I'd like to have us propose a process to them, and see how they react.

Here's my idea. We should offer the opportunity for them to appoint a techie from each tribe to help with the crafting of the TMDL, and represent the tribes views. My guess is a few (max) will take us up on that, but most won't. Next, we should set up some regularly scheduled conference calls (bimonthly?) at which the status of the work is discussed, feedback sought, questions answered, and issues debated. These calls will help guide the work of the preparers. Next, we propose a couple of options to review the TMDL, like say at three points - a preliminary draft, a draft, and a proposed final. It might even warrant a face-to-face meeting with all tribes to receive the feedback. (Kind of like the Son of Spokane, but with cheaper coffee.....) In addition, each tribal leader would be sent a copy and asked to comment NLT \_\_\_\_\_. The draft and final review would take the form of "official" consultation, though I don't think we should be having individual meetings with each tribe.

Thoughts?

Call Doug - up  
- time to follow  
- set up call  
- plan April 20<sup>th</sup>